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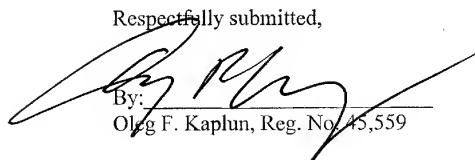
**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Synthes USA, LLC hereby states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest of the above-identified application. An assignment from the inventors to Synthes GmbH was recorded on October 17, 2008 and assigned Reel/Frame No. 021705/0019. An assignment from Synthes GmbH to Synthes (U.S.A.) was recorded on October 17, 2008 and assigned Reel/Frame No. 021704/0205. A Change of Name Document from Synthes (U.S.A.) to Synthes USA, LLC was recorded on March 16, 2009 and assigned Reel/Frame No. 022398/0364.

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